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Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

The Citizen's Advisory Committee met twice since our last report. At its April meeting, the CAC gave unanimous final approval to comments made by its members in response to presentations on policy recommendations pertaining to land use & housing, data sharing & transparency, and resource conservation. Those comments are available here, under the CAC committee webpage. Additional briefings and discussions included coordinated investment, economic innovation, and freight. Comments will be collected in a memo for review and approval prior to the committee's May meeting. The committee also received an overview of and discussed the proposed list of major capital projects. At its May meeting, again the CAC gave approval to comments made in response to presentations on policy recommendations related to coordinated investment, economic innovation, and freight that are available here. Briefings were given and the committee discussed policy recommendations concerning education & workforce development and local food. Again the comments will be collected in memos for the committee to review and approve prior to its June meeting. Updates on major capital projects, the schedule for producing and promoting GO TO 2040, FLIP recruitment and the "My 2040" blog series were also given. The committee meets again on June 14.

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on April 27 and previewed a draft economic development quarterly report, another technical assistance tool meant to build regional capacity in economic trends and information. Considered a good resource for municipalities and private sector partners, the Committee looks forward to a final product with future updates on regional trends. An update on *GO TO 2040* was given, a draft of which will be released for public comment on June 11. Members were encouraged to review sections of the plan that have been posted online. An update on the indicators project, which included a presentation on plan recommendations for data-sharing, was also presented. The committee meets again May 25.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

Since our last reporting, the Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee met twice. At its April meeting, an update on water supply planning was given and potential implementation steps were discussed. The committee also gave its initial comments regarding the major capital projects for *GO TO 2040* and formed a subcommittee of ENR and Chicago Wilderness members to refine the comments to present at its next meeting. A draft of the parks and open space recommendations for *GO TO 2040* was given and members presented an update on a green infrastructure study for the state. At its meeting in May, the Committee discussed the major capital projects on the fiscally constrained list for *GO TO 2040*, reviewing comments on the projects prepared by its subcommittee. Generally, the discussion was focused on the Route 53 extension. The ENR Committee amended and approved the comments, which

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will be forwarded to the Planning Coordinating Committee. An initial draft of the resource conservation recommendations for *GO TO 2040* was also discussed, and the committee heard an overview of the local food recommendations as well. The next ENR Committee meeting is scheduled for June 2.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee met on April 15. An overview of the draft land use and housing recommendations was given and staff described how the recommendations fit into the larger plan. CMAP is seeking comments on the draft recommendations prior to release for public comment over the summer. A draft of the GO TO 2040 public transit recommendations was also reviewed. The Center for Neighborhood Technology gave a presentation on CNT's new Housing + Transportation research entitled: 'Pennywise Pound Fuelish'. An overview of the housing plus transportation cost analysis and some of what CNT's recent research had uncovered was also reported. The H+T index is said to challenge the conventional wisdom of affordability, a measure that is gaining headway at the federal level and through proposed legislation in the state.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee met on April 10 and discussed the Land Use and Housing components of the *GOTO 2040* plan along with the major capital project recommendations. A presentation was given on the recently completed statewide 2-1-1 business plan. An update was provided on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), along with public health planning initiatives in Cook County, Kane County, and Chicago. It was announced that CMAP would host a dial-a-ride summit on April 19. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for May 10.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on April 21. Ty Warner announced he was leaving CMAP and that Stephen Ostrander will take over as staff liaison to the Land Use Committee. An update on the status of Senate Bill 2559, which supports the passing of an Illinois tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic buildings, was given. The Chair gave an update on CMAP's funding for the upcoming fiscal year. The status of major capital projects, the draft text for the key recommendation on land use & housing were presented and staff responded to questions and comments of the committee on both topics. On April 28, the RTA will host an open house promoting its funding programs: Community Planning, Subregional Planning, Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC)/New Freedom (NF), and Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement (ICE). Because of time constraints, a scheduled presentation on the draft text for *GO TO 2040's* recommendations on resource conservation will be given at the next meeting of the Land Use Committee on May 19.



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Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on April 23, and approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments, including administrative modifications for notification to federal partners. A summary was provided of the Unified Work Program (UWP) for state fiscal year 2011. A lengthy discussion about the UWP process concluded with the suggestion that the process be reviewed for next year. A short summary of the Hire Act, that extends federal authorization through the end of the calendar year, makes a provision for the Highway Trust fund, and corrects the rescission but only restored contract authority not obligation, was given. GO TO 2040 is progressing as scheduled and the Transportation Committee will be asked to endorse the Plan for public comment at its meeting in June. The public transportation and transportation finance recommendations portions of the plan were discussed and concerns were raised about funding decisions within the state for the region and downstate, specifically the 45/55 split. Major capital projects were also discussed and an update on various meetings with regional stakeholders to obtain comments regarding the development of those projects was given. The categorization of the unconstrained program, project selection, how to handle federal regulations regarding unconstrained capital projects, the differentiation between constrained/unconstrained projects, and the process to move a project in or out of the TIP were also discussed. Comments regarding recommendation papers for GO TO 2040 are due by May 15, 2010. The meeting that had been scheduled for May 21 has been cancelled and the committee will meet again on June 4.

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